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SUBJ: VARNA/ RED CROSS FILM FESTIVAL

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USIA FOR IEE/ IMV

1. WILL APPRECIATE EARLY ADVICE RE OFFICIAL ENTRY " ANDROMEDA STRAIN".

2. FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS NOT INSISTING ON " ANDROMEDA" PER SE BUT ANXIOUS TO HAVE TWO OFFICIAL US ENTRIES.

EMBASSY CONSIDERS " ANDROMEDA" MOST SUITABLE OF FILMS ON HAND.

3. HAVE ALREADY SEEN REVIEWS AND SCREENED " FRENCH CONNECTION", WHICH CAME ON AAFMPS CIRCUIT, AND JUDGE IT LESS SUITABLE TO BE SECOND OFFICIAL USE ENTRY THAN " ANDROMEDA".

4. FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS HAVE ASKED EMBASSY TO MAKE ULTIMATE EFFORT TO SECURE " BRIANS' S SONG" FOR ENTRY IN TV CATEGORY. IN ANTICIPATION ORGANIZERS HAVE ALREADY ARRANGED FOR NATIONWIDE TELECAST WITH RECENTLY INAGGURATED COLOR FACILITY. IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING THIS FILM?

5. EMBASSY CONSIDERS AGENCY FILM " CRUSADE AGAINST CANCER" EMINENTLY SUITABLE AND WILL ENTER IN DOCUMENTARY CATEGORY
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UNLESS AGENCY OBJECTS.

6. SUSPECT BULGARIAN SUPER- SENSISTIVITY TO FILMS MAKING
SOVIETS LOOK FOOLISH (BASIS, THEY SAY, FOR REJECTION OF
" MAROONED" IN 1971) WILL SEVERELY LIMIT " RUSSIANS ARE COMING"
PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES DEPENDENT ON BULGARIAN 35 MM PROJECTION
FACILITIES. HOWEVER, WILL WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO
ARRANGE SPECIAL PRESTIGE SCREENING IN SOFIA BEFORE OR
AFTER FESTIVAL IF LAW AND 16 MM PRINT, WHICH EMBASSY
PROJECTION FACILITIES CAN USE, ARE AVAILABLE.
PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

8. EXPECT TO AIRPOUCH " HELLSTROM CHRONICLE" 6/11.
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